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SUBJ: EXPORT LICENSE FOR REASCH ELEKTRONIK

- 1. MR. RASCH OF RASCH ELEKTRONIK HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EDO RE A LICENSE FOR A DISC DRIVE CONTROLLER AND FOUR SPINDLES MANUFACTURED BY CALCOMP.

 MR. RASCH HAS CONTACTED DOD (MR. EUGENE MURPHY) AND OEA FOR A DECISION OF THE CASE (NO. A-214453),

 WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IN JUNE. RASCH HAS TOLD EDO THAT HE PERSONALLY CONVINCED HIS CUSTOMERS TO STAY WITHIN THE LAW RATHER THAN OBTAIN THE EQUIPMENT THROUGH ILLGAL SWEDISH OR FINNISH CHANNELS, AND NOW IS IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS CUSTOMERS AND POSSIBLY HIS BUSINESS BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON COMPLYING WITH THE REGULATIONS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO RASCH, THIS EQUIPMENT IS ALREADY IN USE IN EASTERN EUROPE (IN BASF INSTALLATIONS IN POLAND AND THE USSR). HE IS CONVINCED THAT HIS CUSTOMERS END-USE WILL BE NON-STRATEGIC SINCE HE HAS FULL ACCESS TO THEIR FACILITIES AND IS ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR OPERATIONS.
- 3. RASCH IS THEREFORE UPSET BY THE DECISION TO POSTPONE GRANTING THE LICENSE AFTER HE HAD WAITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIX MONTHS AND WANTS TO KNOW WHY THE DECISION

WAS TAKEN AND WHAT COURSES OF ACTION ARE OPEN TO HIM.

4. EDO IS CONVINCED THAT RASCH HAS TAKEN PAINS TO COMPLY WITH OEA REGULATIONS. AND THAT HE LOSS OF THIS CONTRACT WOULD IMPERIL HIS RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN CUSTOMERS. EDO WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO TELL RASCH AND WHAT COURSE OF ACTION TO RECOMMEND. LEHMANN

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